(c) Broad causes for such strikes are Wages and Allowances, Personnel, Retrenchment, Lay-off, Indiscipline, Violence, Leave and hours of work/Shift working, Bonus, Inter/Intra union rivalry, Gherao, Non-implementation of agreements, awards etc., Charter of demands, Work load, Surplus labour, Betterment of amenities, Suspension/change of manufacturing process, Stanting order/rules/ service condition/safety measures etc.

(d) Central Industrial Relations Machinery (CIRM) of Ministry of Labour and Employment continuously makes efforts to maintain harmonious industrial relations in the central sphere establishments.

Revised integrated housing scheme for beedi workers

1791. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many beedi workers have been benefited under the Revised Integrated Housing Scheme;

(b) whether there is any proposal to do away with the deposit of Rs. 5,000/- by the beedi workers or to sanction interest free loan to them for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) A total number of 29,672 houses for beedi workers were sanctioned since inception of the scheme in May, 2005.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal, at present, to do away with the deposit of Rs. 5000/- by the beedi workers or to sanction interest-free loan to them for the purpose. However, the contribution of Rs. 5,000/- by the worker need not be deposited along with the submission of application and can be deposited after the houses are accorded administrative approval but before the release of 1st instalment of Rs. 20,000/- towards subsidy. This amount of Rs. 5,000/- as workers' contributions would be released to them with the 2nd instalment of Rs. 20,000/- when the houses reach roof level.

Law for preventing engagement of children below 11 years as labourers

†1792. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to enact a law for preventing engagement of children labour below the age of 11 years as labourers;

(b) whether lakhs of children would be rendered jobless as a result thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to formulate any scheme to rehabilitate these children or provide means of alternative income before the enactment of any such law; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.